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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN PRESIDENT VISITS TANZANIA

1. SUMMARY: LIBERIAN PRESIDENT TOLBERT MADE SIX-DAY STATE VISIT TO TANZANIA DURING WHICH HE SHOWERED PRAISE ON PRESIDENT NYERERE AND TANZANIAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. TOLBERT WAS PRINCIPAL GUEST DURING CELEBRATION OF TANU PARTY 19TH ANNIVERSARY. HE VISITED ZANZIBAR AND ARUSHA AND MET AT LENGTH WITH ALL KEY TANZANIAN LEADERS. JOINT COMMUNIQUE STRESSED "TOTAL COMMITMENT TO LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN AFRICA". END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND PARTY OF 31 ARRIVED DAR ES SALAAM JULY 3 AND DEPARTED JULY 9. DELEGATION INCLUDED PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER, AGRIC. MIN PHILLIPS, INFO. MIN. KESSELLY, AND ACTG. FONMIN OKAI. TOLBERT SPENT ONE DAY ON ZANZIBAR AS GUEST OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE AND TOURED ARUSHA AREA FOR TWO DAYS, ACCOMPANIED BY JUMBE. HE OPENED 10TH SABA SABA TRADE FAIR AND WAS PRINCIPAL FOREIGN GUEST DURING CELEBRATION OF TANU PARTY 19TH ANNIVERSARY. TOLBERT MADE ONE OF MAJOR SPEECHES
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AT UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM.

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3. ON DAY OF ARRIVAL, TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT-OWNED PAPER EDITORIALIZED THAT TANZANIA AND LIBERIA HAVE "ADOPTED SIMILAR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. THEY RECOGNIZE PREDOMINANCE OF AGRICULTURE IN THEIR ECONOMIES... THEY ARE BOTH STAUNCH OPPONENTS OF POLICY OF DIALOGUE WITH RACISTS". TANU-OWNED PAPER PRAISED TOLBERT'S SUPPORT OF AFRICAN UNITY AND AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

4. TOLBERT'S THEMES DURING SPEECHES CENTERED ON LAVISH PRAISE OF NYERERE (WE ARE "DEEPLY INSPIRED" BY "HUMANE LEADERSHIP OF THIS "IMAGINATIVE, STALWART, CREATIVE, DYNAMIC AND INDOMITABLE LEADER" WHOSE TEACHINGS HAVE "CAPTURED ATTENTION OF MODERN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THINKERS THROUGHOUT WORLD") AND OF TANZANIAN POLICIES ("WORLD OF ORIGINALITY IN TANZANIA"; TANZANIA IS "STUNNING EXAMPLE"? HIGH PRAISE OF TANZANIAN SELF-RELIANCE AND SOCIALISM). TOLBERT ALSO CALLED FOR MORE INTER-AFRICAN TRADE AND NOTED THAT TANU AND LIBERIAN TRUE WHIG PARTY HAVE SIMILAR AIMS AND ASPIRATIONS. AT SAME TIME, TOLBERT'S QUOTATIONS FROM SUCH PEOPLE AS HENRY FORD II AND ADAM SMITH PROBABLY CAUSED MORE THAN LITTLE WONDERMENT IN SOCIALIST TANZANIA.

5. FOR HIS PART, NYERERE WAS MORE RESTRAINED. SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED BY WARMTH OF TOLBERT'S PRAISE FOR TANZANIA, NYERERE FELT CONSTRAINED TO POINT OUT THAT TANZANIA IS STILL FAR FROM REACHING ITS TARGET, NOTING THERE IS GROSS INEQUALITY AMONG PEOPLE. NYERERE STATED PUBLICLY BEFORE TOLBERT THAT WHILE SOME PEOPLE LIVE IN BEAUTIFUL HOUSES, OTHERS CONTINUE TO LIVE IN SQUALOR. WHILE SOME PEOPLE HAVE WATER OTHERS DO NOT. AS LONG AS THIS SITUATION REMAINS THERE IS NO EQUALITY IN TANZANIA. NYERERE CONGRATULATED TOLBERT FOR REDUCING POWER OF FOREIGN INVESTORS IN LIBERIA; PRAISED ATTEMPTS AT REGIONAL UNITY IN WEST AFRICA; AND EXPRESSED SURPRISINGLY WARM PRAISE FOR FORMER PRESIDENT TUBMAN.

6. TOLBERT BESTOWED LIBERIA'S GREAT BAND, ORDER OF STAR OF AFRICA, ON PRESIDENT NYERERE'S WIFE, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE, AND PRIME MINISTER KAWAWA. MRS. JUMBE AND MRS. KAWAWA RECEIVED LIBERIA'S HUMANE ORDER OF AFRICAN REDEMPTION.
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7. AT DEPARTING NEWS CONFERENCE, TOLBERT WAS ASKED ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF RHODESIAN SANCTIONS BY LIBERIAN VESSELS. HE REPLIED IF THIS IS SHOWN TO BE TRUE, HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE ACTION AGAINST ANY COMPANY SO INVOLVED. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER OKAI READ CABLE FROM GUINEAN PRESIDENT TOURE AT DEPARTING CEREMONY IN WHICH TOURE HAILED TOLBERT VISIT TO TANZANIA.

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8. JOINT COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR NEW ECONOMIC CHARTER ADOPTED AT ADDIS ABABA WHICH CALLS ON AFRICAN STATES TO COOPERATE IN TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND MONETARY AFFAIRS. TWO LEADERS REAFFIRMED "THEIR TOTAL COMMITMTNET TO LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF AFRICA" AND AGREED TO GIVE MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO "UNLIBERATED POEPLES" OF ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, SOUTH AFRICA, GUINEA-BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE, NAMIBIA, AND ZIMBABWE. THEY PRAISED "FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF ZIMBABWE" FOR ARMED ATTACKES IN RURAL ZIMBABWE. NYERERE HAILED LIBERIA'S POLICY OF "TOTAL INVOLVEMENT FOR HIGHER HEIGHTS". TOLBERT EXTENDED AND NYERERE ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT LIBERIA AT LATER DATE. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE BEING POUCHED AF/E, AF/W, AND MONROVIA.

9. COMMENT: VISIT WAS SYMBOLIZED BY EFFUSIVE PRAISE OF NYERERE AND TANZANIA BY TOLBERT. SUBSTANTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE HARDER TO IDENTIFY. LIBERIAN CHIEF OF PROTOCOL COLEMAN IS EXPECTED, HOWEVER, TO RETURN TO DAR ES SALAAM IN SEVERAL WEEKS TO COMPLETE SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS. HE EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR CARTER COMPLETE ELATION WITH VISIT. AT DEPARTURE CEREMONY, PRESIDENT NYERERE ALSO MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH TOLBERT'S VISIT.
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